(c) and (d). Assistance has been sought from UNDP in assessment or promising gem–stones bearing areas and for setting up of Gem–stone Testing Laboratory for identification, testing and evaluation of different types of precious and semi-precious stones.

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Proposal for Development of Tourism in Ayodhya

3238. SHRI SYED SHAHABUDDIN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM B BE pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have under consideration any scheme, suo-moto or proposed by the State Government of Uttar Pradesh for the development f tourism in Ayodhya;

(b) whether any scheme or modification of an earlier scheme has been submitted by the State Government during 1991-92;

(c) if so, the brief particulars of the scheme including its objects and purpose, estimated cost and the quantum of Central assistance sought; and

(d) the reaction of the Union Government thereofor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA): (a) to (d). State Government have proposed construction of a Yatri Niwas to provide budget accommodation to tourists visiting Ayodhya. They have been informed that the Central Department of Tourism would consider extending financial assistance for this scheme provided the complete project proposal alongwith detailed estimates are sent by them according to the prescribed procedure.

Exchange of Information on Water Resource Development

3239. SHRI K. H. MUNIYAPPA:
SHRI V. KRISHNA RAO:
SHRI J. CHOKKA RAO:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to introduce a Bill during the current Budget Session to facilitate the exchange of information on water resources development ; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) and (b.) National Water Resources Council under the Chairman Trip of the Prime Minister adopted a National Water policy in September, 1987 which among other things, states that a Standardised National Information System should be established for data regarding water availability and actual water use and comprehensive and reasonably readiable further demand for water for diverse purposes. The National Water Board, constituted in September, 1990 to make suggestions for undertaking appropriate programme in pursuance of the directives in the National Water Policy, has set up a subcommittee in its first meeting to prepare a draft Water Information Bill. The Sub-Committee has submitted its report and after consideration, the National Water Board has requested all the State in its third meeting held on 20.1.1992, to get the Bill examined and furnish the views to the Board. Introduction of the Bill depends upon how soon the State Government concur to the draft Bill in the National Water Board.